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1947 to March 1949

1. German engineers were employed in an institute on an island in Lake Seliger near OSTASHKOV (33° 07' 57" 08' N).
2. No launching of missiles, smoke plumes, etc., were seen during the two-year stay in OSTASHKOV.
3. No major construction work was under way in OSTASHKOV or on the island. It was not known whether the leather plant was to be converted into an armament plant.

November 1946 to 27 March 1949

4. German engineers, chiefly former Zeiss and V-weapons specialists, were employed on an island in Lake Seliger.
5. It was observed that several large aluminum tanks, with a capacity of about ten cubic meters, were being taken to the island over the ice in the winter of 1947/1948. They were probably set up there, since square walls with aluminum-like cupolas were projecting beyond the trees on the island. Ø

Comment:

According to previous information, a test laboratory for rocket weapons is located on the Gorodomlya Island in Lake Seliger. Part of the former BLEICHERODE RAADE Institute personnel, mostly experts in the field of ballistics, were deported to this laboratory.

Ø The purpose of the aluminum tanks (par 5) could not be determined.

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